Holland, Scott, Hanson, Mercer, R. Mackall, Ogden, Stnart. Denny, Z Higgins, Parnham,

M'Pherson, Chapman,

N E G A Dickinson, Bayly, Cottman, Hyland,

TIVE. Frazier, Ward. Callis,

Shaaff, Sturgis, Bishop,

Waters. Ellicott, Carroll,

Selby, Watts, Linthicum.

So it was determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from John Eager Howard, Esquire, enclosing a memorial from the commissioners to superintend the erection of a penitentiary, praying further funds for the completion of the same; which was read and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Ellicott, Mr. Harryman and Mr. Lemmon, to consider and report thereon. The resolutions in favour of Thomas Meredith, Charles F. Brod. hag, and Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, severally endorsed, "dissented from." The resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, and the resolution relative to the proprietary debt books, severally endorsed, "assented to." The bill for the relief of Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gillis and Richard Minish, of Somerset county, endorsed, "will not pass." And the bill annulling the marriage of Archibald Alexander and Susanna Alexander, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to reform the penal

laws of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise any two justice of the peace in this state to qualify the coroners of their respective counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an all entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table

Mr. Linthicum, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the line of the district of Columbia, where it crosses the post-road leading from George-town to Frederick-town, through Montgomery and Frederick counties to Frederick-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Shaaff be added to the committee to bring in a bill to regulate and

discipline the militia of this state, in the place of Mr. Neale and Mr. Plater, who are absent.

Mr. Van-Horn, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act appointing Richard Cramphin, Benjamin Lowndes and George Calvert, commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned; which was

read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Mr. Van-Horn, from the committee, also delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Joseph Boyd, of Prince-George's county, and Elizabeth his wife; which was read the first time and ordered

to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the bill for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, have a second reading on Thursday the second day of January next. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

## Y, December 21, D Α

HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hurtt. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Holbrook appears in the house. Mr. Ennalls and Mr. Denny have leave of absence

for a few days.

A petition from Sarah Ditty and Samuel Jacob, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that Roger Ditty, lat husband to the petitioner Sarah Ditty, by his last will and testament, directed his personal property to be sold and the money arising therefrom vested in bank stock, for the benefit of his children, and praying that the may be authorised to use the same in the purchase of land, as they conceive it will tend more to the advantage of the children aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Higgins, w consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Sweney, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, real

and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill for the benefit of Colmore Duyall, of Prince-George's county, and the further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a market in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and for the regulation

of the said market, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report of the committee on the petition of Luther Martin, was read the second time by especial order and the resolution therein contained assented to, which, together with the resolutions in favour of Charle Gardiner and Joseph Mills, and the bill to prevent persons erecting booths, and retailing spirituous liquon within one mile of the places of religious worship of the people called Methodists in the several counties there in mentioned, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Somervell, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Marsham Parker, of Calvert county, report, that the have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and therefore submittle following resolution: